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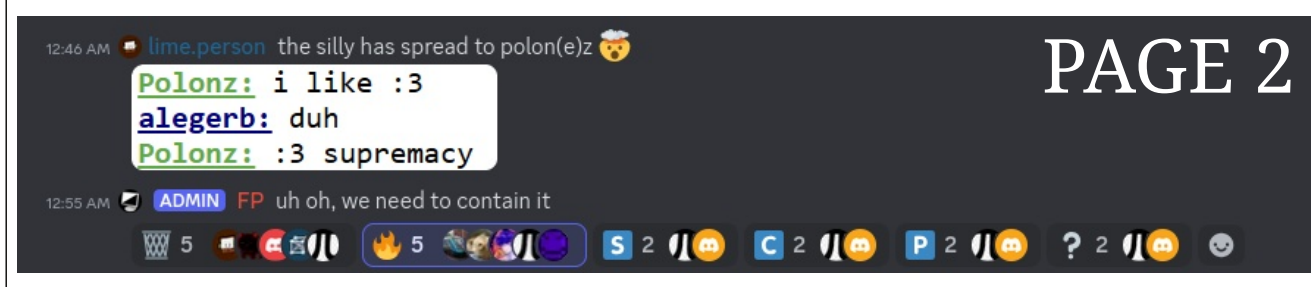
Polonez embraces colon three


12:46 AM lime.person the silly has spread to polon(e)z
Polonz: i like :3
alegerb: duh
Polonz: :3 supremacy
12:55 AM ADMIN FP uh oh, we need to contain it

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Back from Baguio

By LEMURIA

January 15, 2025

Lemuria returned from Baguio in the evening of January 14, 2025. With the rest of the week becoming extremely busy, Lemuria made the decision to delay OWON 00077 to January 25, 2025.

The trip began with his departure in the morning of January 11, and eventual arrival in Dagupan for an event.

After the event, Baguio was his next destination.

Baguio is the coldest city in the Philippines, and a hill station.

He arrived home on January 14, 2025, four days before the scheduled OWON release.

However, due to the week being a busy one, Lemuria has decided to delay OWON's release to January 25, 2025.

Plenty has happened on the site and it all needs to be written down.

BAGUIO CAT: *A cat in a souvenir store along the Ben Palispis Highway, just outside Baguio. It was the route that Lemuria took from Baguio to return to his home in Manila on January 15.*

D9 continues spec. biology projects

By LEMURIA

January 17, 2025

D9eoead has for the first time in a long while, began creating something nice instead of something disgusting. Or something both disgusting and nice - peculative biology.

He has had an interest in the topic for a long time, but only now is OWON noticing the uptick in speculative biology posts.

D9 made a post in the morning UTC of January 16 about the life cycle of the virozoa.

Adult virozoa can release archula that enter the bloodstream and then enter cells, and then replicate within them, leeching off the bodies of its unfortunate hosts.

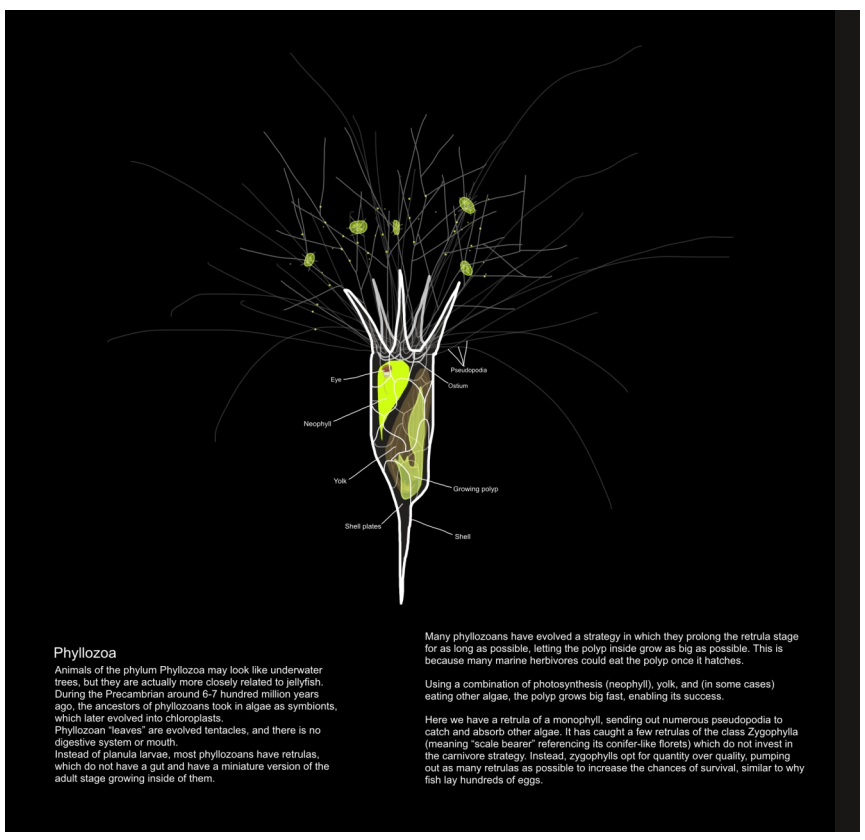
It is for the best that these monstrous creatures remain fictional. And thankfully, they are fictional.

Next came the Phyllozoa, a jellyfish-like animal. According to d9, phyllozoans have evovled to prolong the retrula stage, to allow the polyp to grow as large as possible, allowing it to be robust in the face of marine herbivores.

They look like underwater trees, but are more like jellyfish, the poster says,

It contains an eye, a neophyll, a yolk, and other body parts that can keep an organism up and running.

D9's drawing skills excel well; and one of them (below this blob of text) even looked like an informational poster, he remarked.


Eye
Pseudopodia
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Neophyll
Yolk
Growing polyp
Shell plates
Shell
Phyllozoa
Animals of the phylum Phyllozoa may look like underwater trees, but they are actually more closely related to jellyfish. During the Precambrian around 6-7 hundred million years ago, the ancestors of phyllozoans took in algae as symbionts, which later evolved into chloroplasts.
Phyllozoan "leaves" are evolved tentacles, and there is no digestive system or mouth.
Instead of planula larvae, most phyllozoans have retrulas, which do not have a gut and have a miniature version of the adult stage growing inside of them.
Many phyllozoans have evolved a strategy in which they prolong the retrula stage for as long as possible, letting the polyp inside grow as big as possible. This is because many marine herbivores could eat the polyp once it hatches.
Using a combination of photosynthesis (neophyll), yolk, and (in some cases) eating other algae, the polyp grows big fast, enabling its success.
Here we have a retrula of a monophyll, sending out numerous pseudopodia to catch and absorb other algae. It has caught a few retrulas of the class Zygophylla (meaning "scale bearer" referencing its conifer-like florets) which do not invest in the carnivore strategy. Instead, zygophylls opt for quantity over quality, pumping out as many retrulas as possible to increase the chances of survival, similar to why fish lay hundreds of eggs.

OWOT, BonziWORLD labeled "phishing"

By LEMURIA

January 18, 2024

Our World of Text was reported for phishing to Cloudflare, falsely, around January 22, 2025.

The origin of the report is unknown, but with all the things that plague OWOT these days, something may have happened. "someone made a false report, you can just click through it", said Fern.

The OWOT administration did not release details of who filed the report, though readers may be inclined to make some educated guesses.

Polonz pointed the finger at Trollbox, and so did Mr. 1052 - who sourced his information from Polonz.

On the other hand, UntitledTrollbox in OWOT chat pointed the finger at BonziWorld.

No solid evidence exists for both so far.

While OWOT still works when you click through, getting blocked for phishing by Cloudflare can sometimes break a site.

While you can click through the website to ignore the popup, depending on the way the website is configured, HTTP requests for images, JavaScript, and other crucial data may be blocked by Cloudflare's anti-phishing, effectively breaking the site.

The BonziWorld wiki was hit with the same phishing banner, and so was the main BonziWorld chatroom.

Accessing the wiki led to a long line of constant captchas, and Lemuria gave up mid-check.

KKosty4ka meanwhile deployed a Totally Legit Bank Login Page to the front page, as a joke. Two people put in some credentials (please don't use your real ones).

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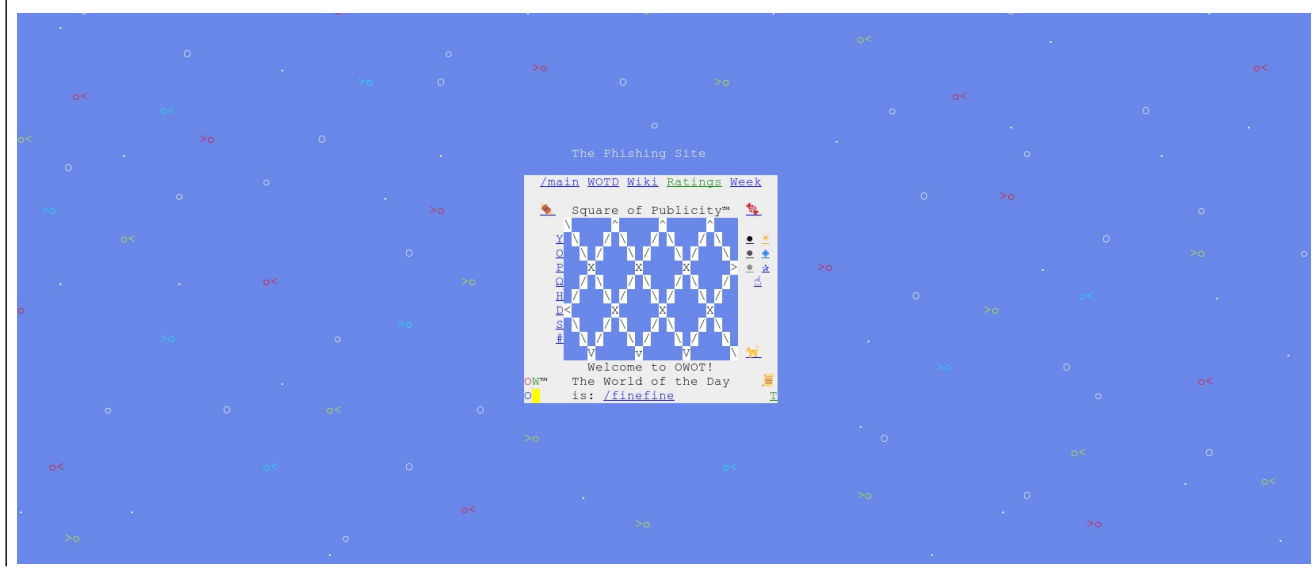

jan soweli Asike redesigns chat

A cool new visual look is in store for OWOT's chat, thanks to a userscript by jan soweli Asike.

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New server for OWOT security

A new Discord server has been created for select OWOT members to help keep the site secure.

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OWOT rallies against flesh superorganism

The site is sick and tired of its gluttony, and now the CAFS is rising to meet the great foe.

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Therapy Session 2

Lemuria attended another session of therapy and encountered a cat at the therapy place.

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jan soweli Asike works on redesigned chat window

By LEMURIA

January 18, 2025

Perhaps for fun, jan soweli Asike has embarked on a project to create an alternative chatbox for OWOT.

The most recent change was around 12:25 on January 17, where switching between chats led to a transition showing.

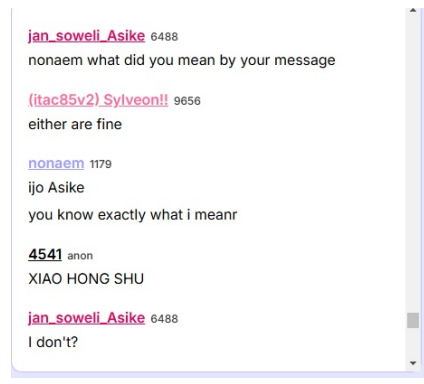
So far, OWOT's current chat has a barebones UI.

It is okay enough, and you can type your message and hit send, and have a nice chat, or endure Starianna for six hours straight. You pick.

It operates on a compact format, where messages go something like "[423]: test".

The new chat that Optic has meanwhile, has the user, and then their ID in smaller text to the right.

And the message is on a separate line. It is less compact, and is on a white background, like the old chat.



The userscript is at <https://ourworldoftext.com/jsAsike/chat-client>.

Polonez :3 sparks war

By LEMURIA

January 17, 2025

On January 11, 2025, Lime posted a screenshot of Polonez, now Polonz, where he stated that he liked :3. ":3 supremacy", he said. The next message sparked a war of baskets and fires though, as FP controversially remarked, "uh oh, we need to contain it".

Lime, Fern and three others basketed the message, while on the opposing side, Lemuria, Felinepeppermint, D9eoead, Pi, and Mr. 1052 set the message on fire.

KKosty4ka, who did not vote, then started a colon three chain that lasted seven messages until D9 declared that he was editing the OWOT Wiki article on Polonez.

"what reason was he originally banned for before people found out he was 12", he asked.

For those not in the know on Polonez, he was a controversial user. He was banned for being underage, but it was later made permanent after Polonez attempted to report the OWOT Discord server for CSAM links stored in the server's goatways. These links have been deleted.

New server for OWOT security

By LEMURIA

January 21, 2025

OWOT's security is only getting more and more robust. This January, Fern created a new server dedicated to OWOT's security board, where information can be shared in a more compartmentalized manner.

The server contrasts with the old #security channel, where it was either everything or nothing. Keeping everything in a single channel, is of course, poor compartmentalization.

Fern, who has experience working with the military, knows how to maintain good information security and good OPSEC, and this server definitely improves those two.

With that, some new members were brought on for their expertise and good intel on the site, with Fern confident they wouldn't be able to access any information that they had no need for.

OWOT, BW "phishing"

Continued from the front page

The Cloudflare phishing report may have ruined his plan to get extra cash, he jokingly lamented.

Meanwhile, the front page was dominated today by an ocean of fish, and a fishnet in the Square of Publicity, a way to mock OWOT's supposed "phishing site" status.

On January 23, 2025, when Lemuria went onto Sleepycat, PinkiePie's chat website, he was shocked to see that Sleepycat too had joined the Cloudflare Phishing Site Club.

And then, while poking around the BonziPEDIA, Trollbox found themselves the target of a phishing report from Cloudflare.

This time, BonziWORLD claimed responsibility for the attack on their wiki; "BlakeisHere reported Trollbox to Cloudflare on January 23, 2025, to get it taken down".

And thus, the entire OWOT sphere finds itself ready to point fingers at everyone else.

Therapy Session 2, at last

By LEMURIA

January 24, 2025

After insane financial delays, and laziness for everyone involved, Lemuria went out for a second assesment on January 24, 2025, making yet another step towards better mental health.

The last session took place in August, and was okay, but scheduling a second session was a nightmare, leading Lemuria to start the process anew with another provider.

The session went well, and good conversations were told, and hopefully this time, ACTUAL progress can be made.

Lemuria was able to hold conversations with the people there, and the atmosphere was friendly in general. To make things better, multiple cats were roaming around the area.

OWOT rallies against flesh superorganism

By LEMURIA

January 18, 2025

Military forces all across OWOT have began mobilizing in the face of the tomato monster, or the flesh superorganism.

In the daily screenshot shared by FP, he referred to the new organization as the Coalition Against the Flesh Superorganism - CAFS.

Missing expedition

An expedition consisting of a team of 10, sent to a group of organism tendrils around 48 tiles west of Pika City has failed to respond to the first scheduled check-in from the control center, sparking fears that they may have died to the organism.

They were sent there to further catalog the red fluids within the superorganism.

Earlier expeditions were able to determine that the organism contains numerous sacs of red liquid, and this was yet another expedition sent in to figure things out.

The expedition was conducted by cutting away at flesh and bone with a litany of various tools, somewhat like the brave Anodyne workers of Trevor Robert's Mystery Flesh Pit.

Drones had been sent earlier as a prelude to the expedition, but humans were needed for closer inspection and sample retrieval.

"There is still hope that the bodies of the brave expedition can be retrieved from within the superorganism.", said a CAFS official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The thought that superorganism stomach acid may have dissolved them is too much to stomach for the CAFS. That was originally an unintentional pun.

Extracting fluids

The most recent discovery amongst the fluids stored by the organism so far has been banana ketchup, a Filipino condiment and type of fruit ketchup.

Each individual fluid sac contains anywhere from 32.9 to 138.4 cubic meters of fluid.

Given the existence of potentially high-value fluids in the organism, the CAFS is considering large-scale industrial extraction operations on the organism in hopes of funding its operations and making big profits.

Fighting the organism

Incendiary munitions so far have proven effective in neutralizing the superorganism.

However the CAFS has temporarily halted action in the area where the expedition went missing, until a second team can be sent to the area to retrieve the members, hopefully alive. Or at least their bodies.

The source of the organism; the place where the tendrils emanate from, has yet to be found.

Tendrils continue to appear without warning ,everywhere.

In other areas, where no expeditions are ongoing, the CAFS has authorized incendiary munitions.

Air quality warnings have been put out as the creature continues to burn. Reports have been retrieved from those areas of "horrible" smells.

While the temperatures should be hot to burn to death any bacteria or unwanted organism lurking inside the flesh monster, risks are not being taken, as could be seen with CAFS forces decked out in hazmat suits.

"It's like COVID-19 all over again", remarked a resident in one of the affected areas.

Coalition Against the Flesh Superorganism

WE ARE NOW HIRING HIGHLY ADVANCED SPECIALISTS TO JOIN OUR EXPEDITION TEAMS TO SECTOR 59. SEND MAIL TO CAFS TO RECEIVE A PAPER APPLICATION FORM AND A WAIVER TO SIGN.

OWON ACCEPTS ADS - DM LEMURIA TO ASK

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